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SUBJECT: CIEC: U.S. PROPOSAL IN CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO
INVITE GATT AND UNCTAD TO GIVE REPORTS ON MTN AND GSP

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1. AFTER COORDINATING WITH MISSION GENEVA, AMB WALKER
DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH GATT DG LONG FEB 4. LONG APPRECIATED
PROSPECTIVE US INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO GATT SECRETARIAT
PRESENTATION TO CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ASSURED
AMBASSADOR HE WOULD BE PREPARED AND PLEASED, AT REQUEST
OF COMMISSION, TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE GATT SECRETARIAT
OFFICIAL PRESENT A REPORT ON TRADE ISSUES UNDER CONSID-
ERATION IN THE MTN AND PRESENT STATUS OF WORK, PARTICULARLY
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WITH RESPECT TO LDC INTERESTS. HE NOTED GATT DEPUTY DG

MATHUR WILL BE IN PARIS BEGINNING FEB 11 TO MONITOR COMMISSION SESSIONS. HE SUGGESTED THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES IN HAVING MATHUR MAKE A PRESENTATION, IF INVITED, NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE WILL ALREADY BE IN PARIS BUT FOR POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE OF HAVING AN INDIAN NATIONAL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF GATT SECRETARIAT. LONG ASSURED WALKER HE WOULD PERSONALLY OVERSEE PREPARATION OF ANY STATEMENT MADE BY MATHUR.

2. GATT DG LONG REACTED STRONGLY AND ADVERSELY, HOWEVER, TO SUGGESTION THAT U.S. MIGHT ALSO INVITE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO REPORT ON ITS ROLE IN ASSISTING LDCS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN MTN. HE FELT THAT AN INVITATION TO UNCTAD TO REPORT ON GSP AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES UNOBJECTIONABLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HOPED THAT IF U.S. APPROACHED UNCTAD SECRETARIAT IT COULD FIND SOME WAY TO ASK THAT PRADHAN MAKE PRESENTATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT SHIH SO AS TO REDUCE, AND HOPEFULLY ELIMINATE, OPPORTUNITY FOR UNCTAD PRESENTATION TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT UNCTAD IS RUNNING THE MTN SO FAR AS LDC INTERESTS ARE CONCERNED.

3. MISSION AND MTN DEL AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR U.S. TO INITIATE PROPOSAL THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT REPORT TO CIEC ON ITS MTN-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND WE SHARE LONG'S CONCERNS ON THIS POINT. GSP IS MORE UNCTAD'S BAILIWICK. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, MISSION WILL CONFINE ITS APPROACH TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO GSP ASPECTS.DALE

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